

HOUSE BILL 482

By Eldridge

AN ACT to designate the new Tennessee Bureau of Investigation crime lab and consolidated regional headquarters to be constructed in Madison County as the "Special Agent De'Greaun ReShun Frazier TBI Crime Lab and Regional Headquarters."

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI or Bureau) was created to serve as a comprehensive criminal investigation unit of government with the specialized professional personnel and facilities to discover and investigate any crime, no matter how complicated by the facts, and without being influenced by private or public interests; and

WHEREAS, Director Arzo Carson brought a vision to the Bureau at its inception that all crime is a calculated attack upon the lawful conduct and actions of a liberated and constantly changing people, industry, and government, which can only be successfully addressed by criminal investigation using professional people; first educated at the college level in all of the major studies and disciplines that underpin the foundations and activities of our constantly changing people, industry, and government; who are further trained in standard law enforcement techniques and special logistical investigative methods and techniques; and who are removed from every undesirable influence or actions of others; and

WHEREAS, TBI Special Agent De'Greaun ReShun Frazier embodied Director Carson's vision and was serving the Bureau honorably as an agent in the Drug Investigation Division when he was shot and killed during an undercover drug operation conducted in Jackson, Tennessee, on August 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Special Agent Frazier is the first and only TBI agent to die in the line of duty in the Bureau's history; and

WHEREAS, Special Agent Frazier's sacrifice is significant in that he was only 35 years of age at the time of his death and leaves behind his wife, Shannon Johnson Frazier, his two minor children, Kamaryn Denise Frazier and Kendrix ReShun Frazier, his mother, Virginia A. Mondie, his father, Leroy E. Frazier, and his brother, DeMauri Frazier; and

WHEREAS, TBI Director Mark Gwyn describes Special Agent Frazier as "absolutely one of the best and brightest that I have seen in my own 30-year career" and "exactly what we look for in a TBI agent: hardworking, enthusiastic, and dedicated to making Tennessee a better place to live" and a man who "stood for everything that TBI represents: truth, bravery, and integrity;" and

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2016, the State Building Commission unanimously approved the construction of a new TBI crime lab and consolidated regional headquarters in Madison County, where Special Agent Frazier gave his life in service of the Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the new TBI crime lab and consolidated regional headquarters is intended to serve West Tennessee, where Special Agent Frazier was a longtime Collierville resident, and where he proudly served West Tennessee as a police officer for the University of Memphis and for Southwest Tennessee Community College, as an officer for the Millington Police Department working as a member of the local Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force, as a reserve deputy for the Shelby County Sheriff's Department, and as a TBI special agent; and

WHEREAS, Special Agent Frazier's colleagues at the TBI desire that his sacrifice to the Bureau be embedded and archived within its history to serve as a constant reminder of that sacrifice, a desire echoed unanimously by the Madison County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the commemorative naming of the new TBI crime lab and consolidated regional headquarters for Special Agent De'Greun ReShun Frazier would result in no additional costs; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The new Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) crime lab and consolidated regional headquarters to be constructed in Madison County is designated as the "Special Agent De'Greun ReShun Fraizer TBI Crime Lab and Regional Headquarters."

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.